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Letter dated 26 May 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, and further to our previous letters concerning the continued Israeli acts of aggression against Lebanon, I have the honour to inform you that in the course of the fourth consecutive day of Israeli acts of aggression against Lebanese citizens and Lebanese territory, on 25 May 1992 at 6.30 a.m. local time Israeli helicopters escorted by combat aircraft attacked the home of the Lebanese citizen al-Haj Yasser Mansour near Gib Chit locality, killing him, his wife and their three children. In addition, the aircraft launched a number of missiles which caused disastrous material damage.

The same day, the Israeli air force carried out unbelievable attacks over Tyr, the Iklim Altouffah region, and the western Bekaa.

Also, on 24 May the Israeli forces bombed the localities and regions of Loueize, Jarjoue, Mlita, Ainbussoir and Jabal Safi, causing many inhabitants to flee to safe regions.

This latest escalation of Israeli military activities forms an accompaniment to serious statements by the Israeli Prime Minister and Ministers of Defence and Foreign Affairs threatening further acts of aggression against Lebanon.

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The Lebanese Government once again strongly condemns the continued acts of aggression perpetrated against Lebanese citizens, and draws the attention of the international community to the danger of the policy Israel is pursuing against Lebanon, in defiance of the United Nations Charter and international law and custom. Lebanon calls on the States members of the Security Council to take a decisive position with respect to Israel's warlike practices, which threaten the peace and security of the region and the world.

Furthermore, the Lebanese Government reaffirms the need to implement Security Council resolution 425 (1978), which constitutes a natural means of restoring peace and security in south Lebanon and for the citizens on both sides of the frontier.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 35 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Khalil MAKKAWI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative